

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Raymond Victor Dugaard was born on July 29, 1914, to Martin and Margaret Dugaard, Danish immigrants, on the family farm near Garretson, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Raymond married Florence Kennedy of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on July 9, 1950, and to this union, three children were born: Joyce, Dennis, and Sandra, and they, in turn, gave them four grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Raymond remained on the family farm near Garretson where he maintained a diverse farming operation including corn, soybeans, oats and hay, and raising chickens, hogs, and beef cattle, and specializing in a Holstein dairy operation; and,

Whereas, Raymond is known for his woodworking skills and mechanical skills, and on one occasion, he disassembled and reassembled an entire tractor; and,

Whereas, Raymond traveled to 47 of the 48 contiguous United States, visited Canada and Israel, hiked in the Rocky Mountains, fished in the Pacific Ocean, and flew over Mt. Rushmore and the Boundary Waters canoe area; and,

Whereas, Raymond is the longest serving member of the South Dakota Chapter of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and served as President of the South Dakota Association for the Deaf; and,

Whereas, Raymond will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives will gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2004, as

RAYMOND DAUGAARD DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

